

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph on page 4, beginning with “Fig. 1 illustrates” and continuing onto page 5, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 illustrates a block diagram of an example network incorporating the teachings of the present invention. In accordance with the illustrated example embodiment of Fig. 1, network 11 is depicted comprising server 12 incorporating an innovative automated configuration agent 14, which automatically identifies system resources of a computing system (18A...N) associated with a received identifier, downloads and configures one or more of operating system(s), application, Internet and other personalization configurations and settings from one or more communicatively coupled data store(s) 16. In addition, network ~~10~~ 11 includes computing systems 18A...N each communicatively coupled through a data network 20 and/or communications network 22 and appropriate communications server 24 and transmission medium, e.g., 26. It should be appreciated from the onset that use of the term computing system is intended to represent any of a number of electronic appliances known in the art including personal computing systems, communications devices, set-top appliances, and the like. As used herein, the term computing system 18 is intended to represent any of the computing systems 18A...N, whereas reference to a particular computing system (e.g., 18A) is intended to represent only that particular computing system. The same applies to other similarly enumerated elements.

1 Substitute the second full paragraph of page 22, beginning with “Fig. 9
2 illustrates”, with the following paragraph:

3 Fig. 9 illustrates an example implementation wherein the computing system
4 to be configured is not the source of the issued identifier. Rather, a
5 communication device 18N (also a type of computing system, as defined herein)
6 issues the identifier to configure/reconfigure a computing system 18B associated
7 with the user of the communications device. According to one implementation, a
8 user utilizes the communications device ~~18B~~ 18N to place a call to a telephone
9 number associated with configuration agent 14. When the call is answered, one or
10 more identifiers associated with the communications device is received such as,
11 for example, the telephone number and/or electronic serial number (ESN), the
12 name of the user associated with the communications device (e.g., via caller-ID),
13 and the like. Configuration agent 14 receives the identifier(s), invokes the
14 identification facilities of identification and characterization function 406 and
15 attempts to correlate the received identifier to a corresponding computing system.
16 If successful, configuration agent 14 assesses the resources of the computing
17 system 18B, downloading, installing and configuring resources on computing
18 system 18B in accordance with the results of the assessment, as described above.

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20 Substitute the third full paragraph of page 22, beginning with “In addition
21 to”, with the following:

22 In addition to assessing and modifying the resources of computing system
23 18B, as introduced above, configuration agent 14 may also assess and modify the
24 resources of the initiating computing/communications device (e.g., ~~18B~~ 18N). In
25 accordance with this alternate implementation, a single call from communications